

NEWS ADVISORY: November 12, 2012

Southwest Missouri Region D Incident Support Team Hurricane Sandy Deployment Update

Ryan Nicholls with the Southwest Missouri Region D Incident Support Team (SWMOIST) assumed the team-lead role with the Unified Command Staff November 11th in Nassau County, New York. SWMOIST relieved the New York Incident Management Team who been assigned to Nassau County in the aftermath of hurricane Sandy. The region where the team is working is just to the east of New York City. Nassau County consists of 2 cities, 3 townships, and 64 villages with a population of 1.7 million people. Major infrastructure damage occurred leaving most of the county's residents in darkness, without power, water and sanitation services. Service crews are working 24/7 repairing and restoring outages but the progress is slow and was hampered by a nor'easter, which deposited a foot of snow adding to the already miserable and dangerous conditions.

The team is providing various discipline specific support functions including finance, logistics, planning, operations for the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management. In addition to Ryan Nicholls other SWMOIST members include Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management personnel Dale Moore – Public Information Officer/Liaison Officer, Robert Taylor – Operations Chief, Andy Stowers – Law Liaison, Mike Brady – Fire Liaison, Holly Johnston – Social Services Liaison, John Elmore – Planning Specialist, Tara Hammer – Resource Specialist, Chuck Niess – Resource Specialist, Warren Robinson – Situation Unit Leader, Paul Harris – Logistics Section Chief, Abe Cook – Supply Liaison, Laree Moore – Deputy Supply Chief, Jon Ayres – Communications Liaison, Mike Hall – Communications Technician, Bill Sexton – Finance Section Chief, Tim Stanton – Safety Officer, GIS Specialist Nathan Huggins, and GIS Specialist Aaron Manuel. The State of Missouri has three Incident Support Teams. The Region D team's membership comes from the 18 counties in southwest Missouri.

The team is also using the following social media outlets to provide updates –

Twitter @gcoem
Facebook/SpringfieldGreeneOEM
oem.tumblr.com

The team also can provide Skype feeds for interested media outlets –
oempio (dmoore@greencountyoem.org)

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For media inquiries call Dale Moore, Public Information Officer, Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management at 417-848-7777.